

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was established in 1973 with 55 volunteers assigned to five volunteer workstations, and within its second year, the program expanded to include all the communities in Roberts County, boosting the number of volunteers to 120 and workstations to eight; and,

Whereas, In June 1976, the program became self-incorporated, expanded into Day County, and was known as the Roberts and Day County RSVP, and in 1986, they expanded even further into Codington, Day, and Roberts County RSVP, Inc.; and,

Whereas, In April 2001, the program changed its grantee to the Watertown Volunteer Center for 2 years, and its name changed to Glacial Lakes RSVP, and in April 2003, Blue Cloud Abbey became the new grantee with expansion into Deuel and Grant Counties; and,

Whereas, Today, Glacial Lakes RSVP serves 84 workstations with over 400 volunteers to meet the critical needs of the communities' economic development, health and nutrition, housing, human services, public safety, and homeland security; and,

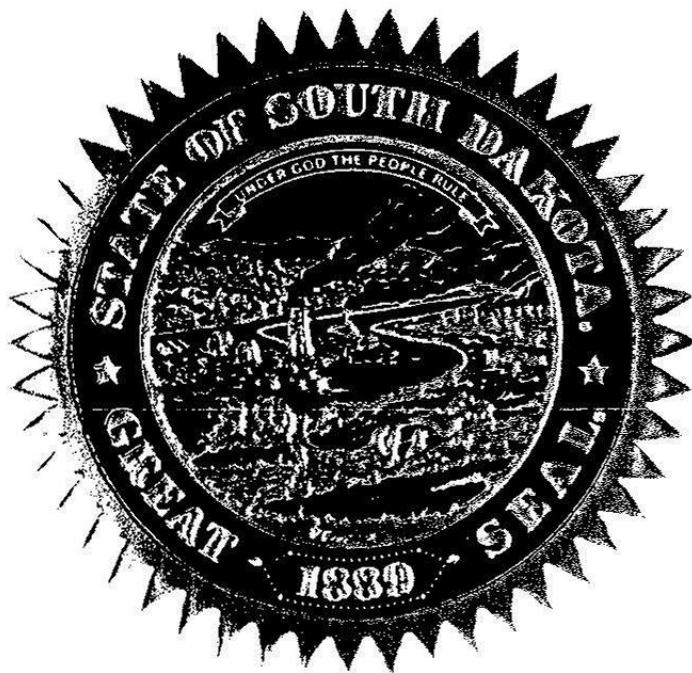
Whereas, Glacial Lakes RSVP will be in partnership with community organizations, public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and institutions such as the South Dakota Office of Adult Services and Aging, United Way, ministerial associations, Federal Emergency Management Administration, and all appropriate organizations to enhance the capacity of their efforts and facilitate cooperation with existing or planned community services, and to address other community needs not being met while developing community support; and,

Whereas, Glacial Lakes RSVP (Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, and Roberts Counties) will be recognized for its 35 years of vision, response, and service to thousands of South Dakotans:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 14, 2008, as

GLACIAL LAKES RSVP DAY


in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens of South Dakota to recognize our seniors for the huge, untapped resource of skills, talents, and experience they possess.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State